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Dear Mr. Benton,

It was a pleasure to meet on March 3 to discuss EPA issues. Thank you for your time and that of your staff. We certainly appreciate the good policy work being accomplished by the Trump Administration.

Attached is a follow-up letter. As you requested, it is addressed to President Trump and Administrator Pruitt. We offer it to you to forward accordingly. Please let us know if you would prefer hard copies mailed separately.

The letter is signed by Jeff Wasden, president of the Colorado Business Round Table, of which I am a member and enjoyed participating in the EPA discussion. Our South Metro Denver Chamber delegation equally enjoyed the discussion. Both Jeff and I are members of the chamber and the views of the letter reflect its values.

As a fellow leader from the northwest, originally Oregon in my case, I clearly appreciate the values you bring to the EPA and DC to balance the economy and the environment. Jobs are key. Over-regulation, including outdated and duplicative regulations place not only an extreme burden on small businesses but hamper our ability to innovate, grow, and ultimately compete in the global economy. That said, EPA priorities and funding are crucial for clean air, water, and repurposing brownfields, superfund sites for economic reuse and value to Make America Great Again.

Please give our personal regards to President Trump and Administrator Pruitt. We look forward to meeting again and helping to advance change in Colorado and our country. Thank you.

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President Trump  
Administrator Pruitt

Dear President Trump and Administrator Pruitt,

We had the pleasure and honor to engage with EPA staff led by Senior White House Advisor, Don Benton, and Senior Advisor, Patrick Davis. It was a productive discussion and we look forward to the actions that follow.

As you are well aware, over-regulation, including outdated and duplicative regulations place not only an extreme burden on small businesses but hamper our ability to innovate, grow, and ultimately compete in the global economy. However, EPA priorities and funding are crucial for clean air, water, and repurposing brownfields, superfund sites for economic reuse and value to Make America Great Again.

During our briefing, we received significant and substantive policy updates from Mr. Benton and Mr. Davis. Both are strong advocates for policy changes within the EPA that we support including the following:

- 1) Gold King Mine payments in process. Unfortunate and avoidable disaster that we must learn from and not repeat
- 2) State control on meeting ozone standards
- 3) Rolling back methane regulations placed under former President Obama
- 4) More state input and authority granted to EPA administrators
- 5) Look at appropriate staffing levels within EPA bureaucracy and make cuts when, where possible
- 6) WIFIA Adjusting funding for smaller municipalities to get 50% match of local portion
- 7) Funding for infrastructure projects and a fair, equitable distribution of funds to states
- 8) Input and action on Good Samaritan Legislation
- 9) EPA mission focused on clean air and water, not climate change.
- 10) Messaging that is not combative but focuses on stewardship and responsibility

We welcome the opportunity for further discussion and would gladly host a separate briefing in Colorado should the need and opportunity occur. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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